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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6050**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1338

**NOTE PREPARED:** Oct 31, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Failure to Sign Vehicle Registration.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Burton

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a law enforcement officer who demands to see the certificate of registration for a motor vehicle to permit the person to whom the motor vehicle is registered to sign the certificate of registration if the certificate is unsigned and the person is present in the motor vehicle. The bill requires a law enforcement officer to provide written notice to the person to whom a vehicle is registered but who is not present in the vehicle that the person is required to provide proof that the person has signed the certificate. It provides that a person who: (1) refuses to sign; or (2) after receiving notice, fails to provide proof of signing; a certificate of registration commits a Class C infraction. The bill also provides that a motor vehicle for which the certificate of registration is not signed and that is operated by a person other than the owner is not subject to impoundment.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** With the exception of individuals who elect not to sign their vehicle registration under the specified circumstances created by the bill, individuals who fail to sign their vehicle registration will no longer be subject to a Class C infraction. As a result, revenue the state receives from associated judgments is expected to decrease. Decreases in revenue are expected to be minimal.

*Penalty Provision:* The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would have been deposited in the state General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** This bill is also expected to increase the workload of local law

enforcement officers to verify a signature on a vehicle registration for instances when the owner of a vehicle is not present and when an unsigned vehicle registration is discovered. Increases in workload are unknown but expected to be minimal.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* If there is a reduction in court actions filed or judgments entered, local governments would receive less revenue from court fees. However, any reduction in revenue is likely to be small.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Brumbach, 232-9559.